
Introduced by Senator Aanestad

March 4, 2010

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to the Patricia Ann Weston Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 84, as introduced, Aanestad. Patricia Ann Weston Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 99 in Sutter County as the Patricia Ann Weston Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston was born on July 19, 1951,
- 2 in Mount Pleasant, Michigan; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston graduated from the Central
- 4 Michigan University in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree
- 5 in Earth Science, Geography; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston moved to California in 1974;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston attended the University of
- 9 California, Davis, from June 1976 to September 1977; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston started her career in
- 11 transportation with the Sacramento Area Regional Planning
- 12 Commission; and

1 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston began her career with the
2 Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on January 9, 1979, in
3 planning in the Marysville District 3 Office, transferred to the
4 headquarters Division of Mass Transportation, and finally
5 transferred to the headquarters Division of Transportation Planning
6 as the Office Chief of Advance System Planning and Economics
7 on January 4, 1993; and

8 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston was a champion and advocate
9 for rural agencies working to ensure that rural projects were
10 included in the State Transportation Improvement Program; and

11 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston changed state transportation
12 planning by being instrumental in not only the development of the
13 Transportation Development Act, an act that provides funding to
14 counties and cities for transit projects, but also in assisting the
15 State of California in securing the initial Urban Mass
16 Transportation Administration (UMTA) grants that provided
17 funding to private and nonprofit groups for handicap services; and

18 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston wrote the 1998 Interregional
19 Strategic Plan, a plan that describes the framework by which the
20 state carries out its responsibilities for the Interregional
21 Transportation Improvement Program and identifies how the
22 Department of Transportation works with regional agencies in
23 gaining consensus on the prioritized improvements contained in
24 the program; and

25 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston was instrumental in writing
26 GoCalifornia and the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan, which
27 established the framework for the subsequent Proposition 1B
28 Program; and

29 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston mentored generations of
30 planners and engineers at both the Department of Transportation
31 and at transportation planning agencies and private planning firms
32 statewide, freely sharing her experiences, expertise, wisdom, and
33 extreme professionalism with all who endeavored to become more
34 than they were; and

35 WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Weston dedicated 30 years of service
36 to the State of California and all who travel on its transportation
37 systems, spending her life improving those systems, and making
38 travel options more accessible, faster, and safer for the traveling
39 public; and

1 WHEREAS, On September 8, 2009, Patricia Ann Weston
2 peacefully and quietly passed away following a short illness; and

3 WHEREAS, It is important and fitting that the State of California
4 pay tribute to, and commemorate the extraordinary life and memory
5 of, Patricia Ann Weston; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
7 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
8 portion of State Highway Route 99 in Sutter County, from post
9 mile 30.63 to post mile 39.58, inclusive, as the Patricia Ann Weston
10 Memorial Highway; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
12 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
13 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
14 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
15 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
16 further

17 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
18 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
19 author for appropriate distribution.